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GIANTS AIM TO OVERTAKE REDS DURING PRESENT STAND AGAINST WESTERN CLUBS AT POLO GROUNDS

**LADIES ADMITTED FREE
TO WATCH GIANTS TANGLE
WITH REDS ON JULY 14
PIRATES ON JULY 21**

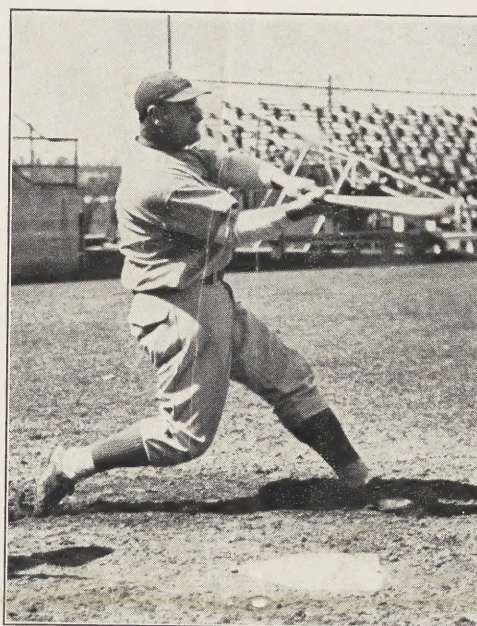
Lady fans will have an opportunity to see the Reds and the Giants battle for the League lead at the Polo Grounds on Friday, July 14, as guests of the management. On Friday, July 21, ladies are again invited to spend the afternoon watching the Giants and the Pittsburgh Pirates. No tickets or passes of any kind are required.

Mothers with children will probably be interested to know that the free admission privilege on ladies' days is extended to girls regardless of age, provided they are accompanied by an adult. Boys who are shorter than the center pole of the turnstiles (approximately 40 inches in height) will be admitted free also.

Why not come to the Polo Grounds, sit back in the comfortable seats, enjoy the cool breezes that carry the aroma of Henry Fabian's luxuriant grass to the nostrils, and enjoy approximately two hours of entertainment by the cream of the Nation's diamond stars, as guests of Horace Stoneham and the Giants? The only cost is a 10-cent tax collected for the Federal Government.

Every Friday when the Giants are playing at the Polo Grounds is ladies' day.

The National League pennant race at present is too close for comfort. There are only 9 games between the League-leading Cincinnati Reds and the sixth-place Pittsburgh Pirates. Brooklyn, St. Louis, and Chicago are in a three-way tie for third place and are only one game ahead of Pittsburgh and $2\frac{1}{2}$ games behind the second-place Giants. When Skipper Bill McKechnie of the Reds remembers that the Giants won three straight games from his club during their last series in Cincinnati, the $5\frac{1}{2}$ -game lead now enjoyed by the Rhinelanders does not afford him much peace of mind. The three-game series on July 13, 14, and 15 at the Polo Grounds may see the Cincinnati lead slashed considerably.



ZEKE BONURA

The Banana Man with his
mighty mace

Cincinnati Has Plenty of Power

Four Red players are currently hitting better than .300. The standings are McCormick .337, Goodman .326, Lombardi .311, and Lonnie Frey .307. Some idea of the clutch-hitting and extra-base power of the Reds may be gained from the records of three of these sluggers in the matter of runs-batted-in. McCormick is leading the Major Leagues with 67, Lombardi has driven in 54, and Goodman 49. Paul Derringer, who held the American League team scoreless in the first three innings of the All-Star Game, and Bucky Walters, another capable moundsman, are almost certain to pitch against the Giants in the coming series. The settlement of Derringer's lawsuit, making it possible for the big righthander to set foot in the State of New York again, betters the chances of the McKechniemen. However, the loss of Ival Goodman, through the injury sustained in the All-Star Game, tends to offset the gain enjoyed through the closing of Derringer's legal adventure.

Giants' Heavy-Hitters Also Active

Zeke Bonura, currently hitting .351, with 59 runs-batted-in; Mel Ott, hitting .328, with 51 runs-batted-in; Harry Danning, hitting .311, with 36 runs-batted-in, and Frank Demaree, hitting .303, with 40 R. B. I.'s, furnish the Giants with much of their attacking strength.

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THE GIANTS

GAMES AT HOME—1939

July 13, 14, 15* Cincinnati
July 16**, 17, 18 St. Louis
July 19, 20, 21 Pittsburgh
July 22*, 23** Chicago
August 8, 9●, 10 Boston
August 11, 12*, 13**● Philadelphia
August 21, 22, 23 Chicago

* Saturday

** Sunday

August 24, 25, 26* Pittsburgh
August 27**, 28, 29 Cincinnati
August 30, 31 St. Louis
Sept. 2*●, 3** Brooklyn
Sept. 4●, 5 Philadelphia
Sept. 23*, 24**, 25 Boston
Sept. 26, 27 Brooklyn

†Holiday

● Doubleheaders

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GIANTS TRYING TO OVERTAKE CINCINNATI REDS

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St. Louis Cardinals Here July 16, 17 and 18

The Cardinals have five .300 hitters. Johnny Mize batting .339, Joe Medwick and Pepper Martin batting .330, Jim Brown hitting .317, and Enos Slaughter hitting .305. Mize and Medwick have batted in 49 and 53 runs respectively. In a tie with the Dodgers and Cubs and only 2½ games behind the Giants, the Cardinals will try to pull away from the other two third-place clubs and, if possible, displace the Giants as second-place tenants.

Pirates Here July 19, 20 and 21

Today, the Pirates are in sixth place, one game behind the third-place Dodgers, Cardinals, and Cubs. A rally may be expected from them at any time, and a rally might very well shuffle the National League deck beyond recognition.

Cubs Always a Menace

The long winning streak of the Cubs which ended not so long ago gave warning to all interested parties of what can be expected from Gabby Hartnett's 1939 Chicago ensemble. The Cubs will appear at the Polo Grounds on Saturday and Sunday, July 22 and 23.

Babe Young, New York first baseman, on option with Knoxville, has a current batting average of .332 with a total of 59 runs batted in.

On Fridays reserved and box seat tickets for the following Saturday and Sunday, and on Saturdays, tickets for the following Sunday may be purchased at our advance sale booth, which is located at the rear of Section 16 in the lower stand in the Polo Grounds.

GIFTED LEADERSHIP

Last winter when the Giants secured Zeke Bonura from the Washington Senators, considerable comment arose concerning Zeke's fielding vagaries. Two managers in the American League had had the benefit of his playing efforts and neither was noticeably displeased to see him leave their clubs. Today Zeke is batting .351, has driven in 59 runs, and is fielding in satisfactory fashion. Experts who had seen him play in the American League consider him to be a vastly-improved ball player. In fact, looking at him today, they wonder how he ever got out of the American League.

Last year Bill Jurgens was considered to be a pretty good shortstop. Today, most experts regard him as the best shortstop in baseball. Frank Demaree, last year on the shores of Lake Michigan, was considered to be on the way out. Today he is playing heads-up baseball, batting over .300, and is, in general, proving that he must be considered one of baseball's top notch outfielders.

Dick Coffman was waived out of the American League. With the Giants he has been a most valuable pitcher. His relief work last year did much to keep the Polo Grounders out of second division.

Walter Brown, who had been shuttling back and forth between the Majors and the Minors before finding a steady address at the Polo Grounds, is today one of the League's most prized relief operatives.

Burgess Whitehead could not play in 100 games a season for the Cardinals, yet he played in two complete pennant-winning seasons for the Giants and is back in there doing yeoman duty this year.

John D. Rockefeller once said, "I will pay more for the ability to handle people than I will for any other ability under the sun." It is a priceless gift, and Manager Bill Terry has it to an unusual degree.

Sometime ago considerable comment was aroused by stories about the American League castoffs who had made good in the National League. The conclusion drawn by a few experts was that the standard of play in the National League was somewhat inferior to that in the American League. The All-Star Game of 1938 disproved all theories as to the inferiority of the National League. The explanation that the National League has more managers blessed with the gift for handling players in a manner productive of the best results was not advanced at the time. Perhaps, it is worthy of consideration.

DOWN ON THE FARMS

Johnny Dickshot is still setting the pace for the Jersey Giants. He is batting .346 at the present time. Morris Jones, rangy outfielder, drafted by the Jerseys from Tulsa last year, is hitting .322. Ray Honeycutt, Haguetown shortstop, is batting .297. Tom Hafey, third baseman, who had a trial with the New York Club this spring, is hitting an even .300, and Sam Leslie, former New York first-sacker, is now batting .302.

Hy Vandenberg, late of the Polo Grounds, is leading other Jersey City mound operatives with 10 victories against 4 defeats. Other pitching records on the west bank of the Hudson are Roy Joiner 10 and 5, Bill Harris 9 and 5, Bob Carpenter 7 and 4, Frank Pearce 3 and 2, and Johnny Wittig, 4 and 3.

Sid Gordon, Brooklyn third baseman, who was with Milford last year, is leading the Clinton heavy-hitters in the Class B, Three-Eye League, with an average of .353 and 55 runs batted in. Sid is leading the league with 16 triples to date. Mendel Ramsey is trailing Gordon with an average of .348, 47 runs batted in and 11 triples. Other Clinton above-three-hundred-hitters are shortstop Wayne Black, .321; outfielder Frank Howard, .314; catcher Johnny Toncoff, .310, and outfielder Vic Bradford, University of Alabama baseball and football star, .305.

Steve Tramback, Albany pitcher-outfielder, is leading the Fort Smith mounds corps with a record of 11 victories and 5 defeats. Harry Feldman, Bronx hurler, has a present record of 13 and 6, and Bill Von Ahnen, a Brooklyn product, has won 8 games and lost 5 for Fort Smith, to date.

Johnny Helms, outfielder with Salisbury, N. C., is batting .346 to lead the Giants Class D farm club in the North Carolina State League. Manager Dick Luckey is hitting .331. Outfielder Norbert Barker is batting .314, and first baseman Jim Hamblen is hitting .302.

Mickey Steinman, Queens boy playing the outfield for Milford, Delaware, is now batting a cool .370. Ralph Benzenberg, another Queens boy, playing second base for Val Picinich's Milford Giants, is now hitting .332. John McGonigle, South Amboy outfielder, is hitting .322 for Milford.

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DEMAREE MAKES SWAP PROFITABLE FOR GIANTS

Back in spring training, sports writers expressed the opinion that the three-corner deal which took Gus Mancuso, Dick Bartell and Hank Leiber to the Cubs and brought Bill Jurgens, Frank Demaree and Ken O'Dea to the Giants, would be an even one on the basis of the sensational playing of Bill Jurgens alone. At the time Demaree was slow in getting into shape. Today, Jurgens is still playing the excellent brand of baseball that impressed observers so favorably during the training period. Demaree, however, has improved immensely and is one of the big four in the Giants' attack. A comparison of the records of Bartell,

Jurgens, Leiber and Demaree at this stage of the pennant race is interesting.

	G	AB	H	RBI	BA
Bartell	69	226	53	24	.235
Jurgens	69	274	77	28	.281
Leiber	49	150	45	32	.300
Demaree	72	271	82	40	.303

Frank Demaree was born in Woodland, California, on June 10, 1910, the son of a fruit farmer. He attended high school at Winters, California, playing shortstop for the high school team. After graduating from high school he played semi-pro baseball with the Woodland team in 1927 and the Willows, California team in 1928. He was changed to the outfield while with the Willows team, because the manager

wanted to play shortstop himself. In 1929 and 1930, Frank played with the semi-pro team at Marysville, California.

He signed his first professional contract with the Sacramento Baseball Club in 1930, playing in 41 games that year and batting .228. He went to the Cubs on August 1, 1932, at a time when he was batting .364 for Sacramento. He hit .250 for the Cubs during the remainder of the season and played in 2 games against the Yankees in the 1932 World Series, getting a homer in one of them. In 1933 he hit .272 for the Chicago Club.

Charlie Grimm, then manager of the Cubs, decided that Demaree needed another year of minor league experience and optioned him to Los Angeles in 1934, where he became a Coast League sensation, hitting .383, connecting for 45 homers and 51 doubles and stealing 41 bases. In 1935 he was back in the Chicago line up. He batted .325 for the Cubs that year, and with Augie Galan, was credited with doing more than any other player toward winning the pennant for the Wrigley forces. In 1936 his batting average was .356. In 1937 he hit .324 and batted in 115 runs. Last year he batted only .273. However, he is again hitting in the .300's, and it looks as if the change to the Polo Grounds has been a happy one for Frank.

DON'T FORGET

THAT SEASON BOXES ARE NOW ON SALE AT OUR FORTY-SECOND STREET OFFICE.

THAT TEN-GAME ADMISSION BOOKS good for any ten games at the Polo Grounds may be purchased for \$11 at the Giants Ticket Office.

THAT BOX AND RESERVED SEATS may be purchased for all home games of the New York Giants at 104 West 42nd Street, 4 days in advance of any game.

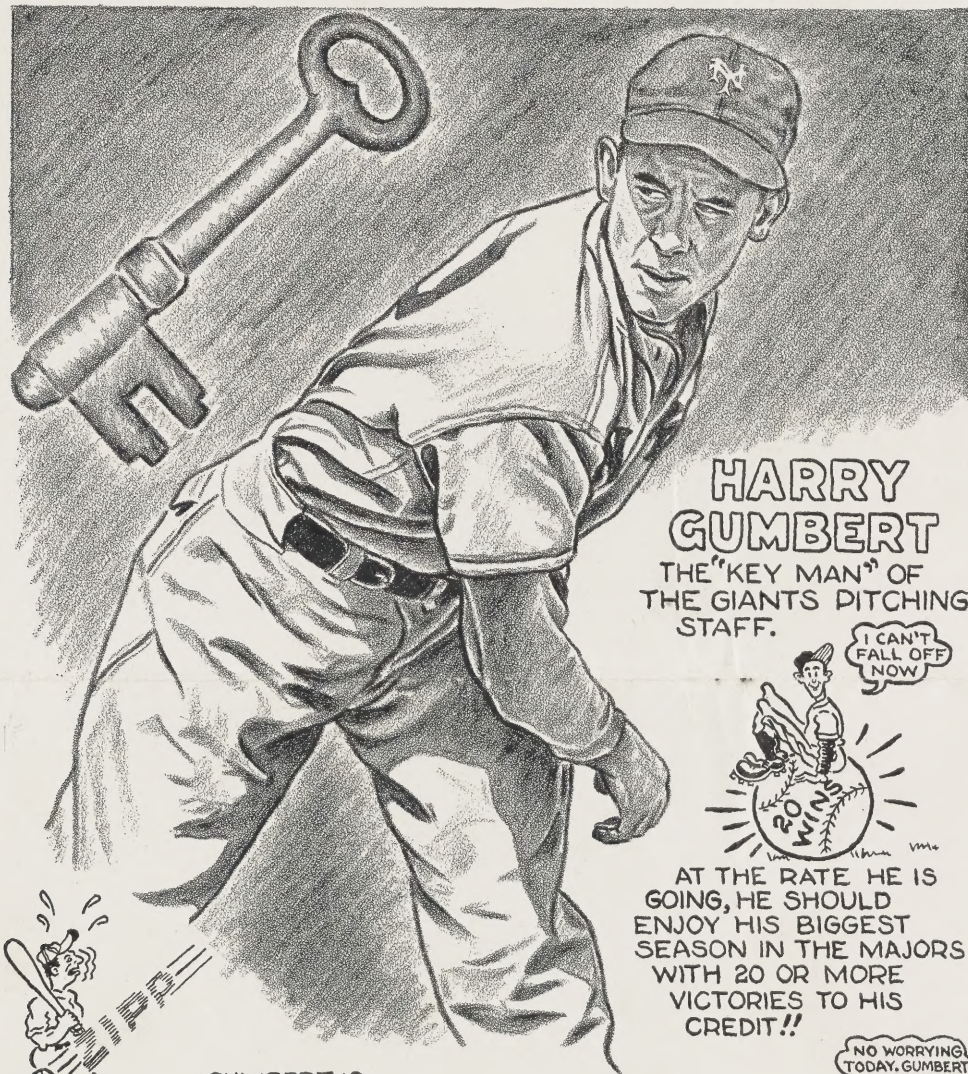
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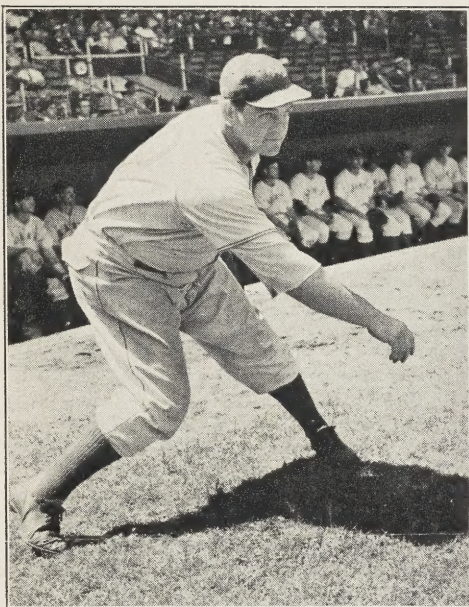
GUMBERT IS
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GIVEN HIM MORE "ZIP" TO
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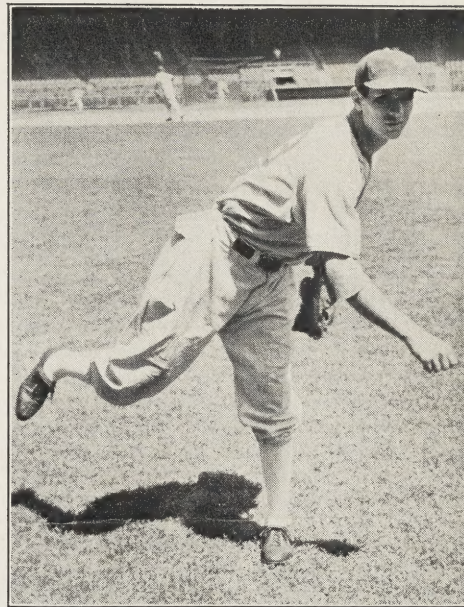
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"THE KEY MAN"

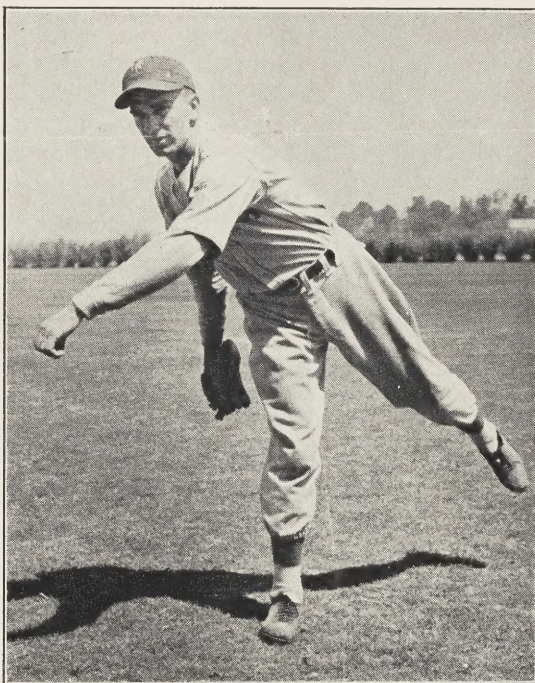
Improved Pitching Responsible for Giants Recent Rise



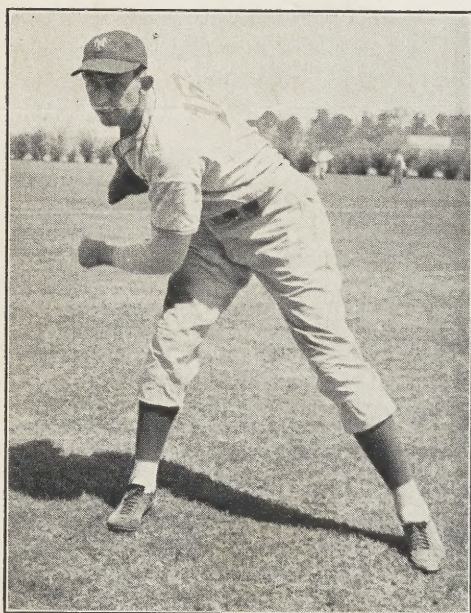
WALTER BROWN
Brownie's streamlined fast ball is stopping them cold



MANUEL SALVO
"Reds" Nemesis



CARL HUBBELL
Hub's effective relief pitching points to starting berth when crisis in pennant race arrives



CLIFF MELTON
Giant southpaw is showing steady improvement



BILL LOHRMAN
Lohrman's success as a starting pitcher had much to do with the Giants' rapid rise from seventh place to second place in the current flag fight